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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON RAS BANAS SUPPLEMENTAL
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1. ON MAY 29 THE HOUSE MILCON APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTED OUT TO THE FULL COMMITTEE ITS RECOMMENDATION OF A \$49 MILLION SUPPLEMENTAL FOR THE U.S. PORTION OF THE IMPROVEMENTS AT RAS BANAS. THE FULL COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED TO MEET ON JUNE 10. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JAMIE WHITTEN WILL NOT HOLD SEPARATE HEARINGS ON THE MILCON SUPPLEMENTAL REQUESTS; IF NOT, THESE REQUESTS, INCLUDING THAT FOR RAS BANAS, COULD BE MARKED UP BY THE FULL COMMITTEE BEFORE THE JUNE 29 RECESS.

2. IN THE SENATE, APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ROBERT KASTEN HAS NOT DECIDED DEFINITELY BUT MAY NOT HOLD HEARINGS ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL REQUESTS EITHER. IF HE DOES NOT, THE SUPPLEMENTAL PACKAGE COULD REACH THE SENATE FLOOR BEFORE THE RECESS BEGINNING AUGUST 13. OTHERWISE, FINAL APPROVAL WOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER. SHULTZ

END OF MESSAGE

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